



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**RECEIVED**

FEB 20 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Application of:

Joseph FERRANTE, et al.

Serial No.: 10/067,052

Filed: February 4, 2002

For: EXTERNAL FIXATION SYSTEM)

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket No. 39262/263783  
Date: February 6, 2003

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants identify the document listed on the modified Form PTO 1449 accompanying this submission. A copy of the document cited is enclosed.

**Remarks**

Applicants do not concede that the identified materials constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

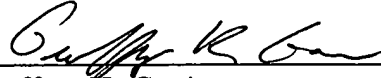
Applicants file this paper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), before issuance of a first Office action on the merits and, therefore, believe that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if an Office action has issued, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 11-0855 for any such fee due.

U.S. Serial No. 10/067,052

Filed: February 4, 2002

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Geoffrey K. Gavin

Reg. No. 47,591

ATTORNEY FOR ASSIGNEE

KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP  
1100 Peachtree Street  
Suite 2800  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4530  
(404) 815-6046



3732

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

## TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Application Number	10/067,052
Filing Date	February 4, 2002
First Named Inventor	Ferrante, et al.
Group Art Unit	3732
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	39262/263783

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

### ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Response <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): 1. Form PTO 1449 (one sheet) 2. One publication
--	---	---


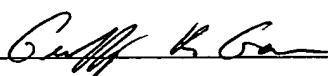
Remarks

RECEIVED

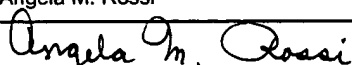
FEB 20 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	Geoffrey K. Gavin, Reg. No. 47,591 Kilpatrick Stockton LLP	
Signature		30559 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE
Date	2/6/03	

### CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: 2/6/03			
Typed or printed name	Angela M. Rossi		
Signature		Date	2/6/03

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.